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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Comments ET Docket No. 08-59

Dear Ms. Dortch

As a diabetologist and medical technologist, I strongly support GE Healthcare's proposal to allocate radio bandwidth to support wireless Medical Body Area Networks. Such networks would free critically ill patients from electrical patient monitoring cables that are inconvenient, obtrusive and even unsafe at times. If these cables could be eliminated with a Body Sensor Network, patients would be more comfortable and physicians and nurses would be able to provide better healthcare. As hospitals and health care providers move to adopt electronic medical records, we will need to send electronic clinical data on a regular basis to the patient's chart. The reliability of these patient monitoring systems is critical to safe patient care enhanced by real-time clinical data. This proposal will help health care professionals provide more pervasive monitoring of our patients while mitigating issues of interference and radio co-existence within the hospital environment. GE Healthcare's proposal offers efficient use of healthcare resources, improved quality outcomes and better quality of life for our patients. I encourage the FCC to adopt this proposal and issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Yours Sincerely,

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